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Pursuant to the authority in Sections 3.1-796.106 of the Code of Virginia (1950) as amended, the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services hereby adopts the following Rules and Regulations Governing the Qualifications for Humane Investigators.

2 VAC 5-100-10. Requirements and procedures relating to application for approval of humane investigators.

- A. An applicant must be at least 18 years of age and shall have a minimum of a high school diploma or its equivalent.
- B. An applicant shall not have been convicted of a felony or crime of moral turpitude.
- C. An applicant shall file a completed Application for Approval of Humane Investigator with the State Veterinarian. The blank Application for Approval of Humane Investigator shall be supplied by the State Veterinarian.
- D. An applicant shall list on the Application for Approval of Humane Investigator the names and addresses of three persons who know the qualifications and character of the applicant. The three persons listed as references shall not be related to the applicant.
- E. An applicant shall provide a summary of past and present employment and an educational background summary on the Application for Approval of Humane Investigator.

2 VAC 5-100-20. Prescribed training program.

- A. A prospective humane investigator shall be required to complete satisfactorily a prescribed training program within 12 months following the date of filing an Application for Approval of Humane Investigator with the State Veterinarian.

The prescribed training program shall be approved by the State Veterinarian and consist of the subject matter and requirements listed below:

- 1. The humane and animal welfare laws and regulations of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
 - 2. Practical information about the proper care of animals and birds.
 - 3. Investigative procedures.
 - 4. Applicable local health, animal control, and zoning ordinances.
 - 5. Approved materials and methods used for euthanasia.
 - 6. The Miranda Rule.
 - 7. Six months of field training with a qualified humane investigator or other law-enforcement officer as defined in '9-169 of the Code of Virginia.
 - 1. Attendance at no less than three criminal trials.
- B. Verification of training shall be made to the State Veterinarian by a qualified humane investigator or other law-enforcement officer.
 - C. The State Veterinarian is directed to maintain a current list of prospective humane investigators who have applied for approval and are undergoing training.

2 VAC 5-100-30. Written examination.

Prospective humane investigators shall be required to pass a written examination on the subject matter and requirements set forth in 2 VAC 5-100-20 of these rules and regulations. The examination shall be prepared and administered by the State Veterinarian.

2 VAC 5-100-40. Approved list of humane investigators.

- A. The names of humane investigators who have satisfactorily completed the requirements contained in 2 VAC 5-100-10 through 2 VAC 5-100-30 of these rules and regulations shall be placed on a current list of approved humane investigators maintained by the State Veterinarian.
- B. No requirements set forth herein shall be waived except by affirmative vote of the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services.